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E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: PARM OGEN XO

SUBJECT: US-USSR INDIAN OCEAN ARMS CONTROL TALKS

REF: (A) STATE 284031, (B) BERN 5453

- 1. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFO IN PARA 7 REF A TO GOROVOY WHO FIRST AGREED, BUT CALLED BACK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO REQUEST THAT, IN RESPONDING TO PRESS QUESTIONS, THAT WE REFRAIN FROM ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF THE DELEGATIONS. HE SAID THAT USE OF THE WORDS "SMALL" OR "RESTRICTED" WERE UNNECESSARY AND THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD PREFER THAT THEY BE AVOIDED.
- 2. COMMENT: EMBASSY WISHES TO RECALL THAT STORY IS OUT THAT TALKS WOULD BEGIN DECEMBER FIRST IN BERN (REF B). GUIDANCE IN PARA 7 REF A DOES NOT COVER PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 6, ALTHOUGH THIS IS LIKELY TIME FOR REPORTERS TO INQUIRE ABOUT WHY TALKS HAVE NOT CONVENED AS REPORTED. SOVIETS HAVE NOT INDICATED TO US THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY ARE AWARE OF THESE PRESS REPORTS, BUT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF NYT ITEM AT LEAST. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER GUIDANCE IN PARA 7 REF A SHOULD NOT ALSO BE USED BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 6, OR WHETHER ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IS NEEDED. IN EITHER CASE WE SHOULD INFORM SOVIETS. TOON

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